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Project LIEMPTY Progress Report May, June, July 1964

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: For your information
Reference: A. HMMA-23343, 30 April 1964
B. HMMW-12853, 25 August 1964

1. BACKGROUND.

The LIEMPTY Project is designed to collect operational information on the LIMERICK installation and personnel, as well as targets of opportunity, through stationary and mobile photographic coverage. In addition, the project provides the means for investigating leads from the above noted coverages as well as other Static sources. LIEMPTY supports other Station operations through the renting of safehouses providing and servicing post office box letter drops, conducting countersurveillance and investigations and performing related tasks.

2. OPERATIONS.

The LIEMPTY Project continues to provide the majority of photographs used by the Station in its CE operations against the LIMERICK target. No change is foreseen in this phase of the operation. The product supplied by the project is considered an essential tool in following the daily activities of the personnel of the target installation and visitors to that installation. Statistically LIEMPTY take for the reporting period consisted of approximately 290 rolls of operational still photographs. This total includes both mobile and fixed photo surveillance take. The daily logs kept by the basehouses on the movements of the LIMERICK staff members and visitors greatly aid the Station CE efforts against that target, especially in times of crisis.

In the area of specific support to Station operations (in addition to the coverage provided against the LIMERICK target) the following is a list of selected LIEMPTY contributions.

- a. The LIEMPTY contribution to the sensitive AMROD operation, in the form of support provided by the cutouts Raymond H. GERENDE (ps) and Oliver G. SCANTLING (ps), can be described as unique and essential to the success of that operation. Although this operation is necessarily a Headquarters directed effort, the operational work of GERENDE and SCANTLING is the essential ingredient in making the operation viable.

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GERENDE had this equipment repaired and it was back in operation on 29 July 1964.

- b. Raymond H. GERENDE (ps) continued in his assignment as cutout to the LILYRIC and LICALLA basehouses and the LIENTRAP truck. GERENDE also conducted an extensive investigation in Station's attempt to provide positive identification of a group of PBPRIME students who visited the LIMERICK installation. GERENDE and LIEMPTY-10 continue to provide and service P. O. box drops for use in Station operations. During the recent visit of AMSTRUT-2 to Mexico one of the drops was, for a time, sole active communications link with AMSTRUT-2. GERENDE provided twice daily servicing of the drop during this period.
- c. Oliver G. SCANTLING (ps) continued as cutout to the LIMITED basehouse during the reporting period. In addition, he made his regular contribution as alternate contact of LICASA-1 in a sensitive operation of LAURICLE interest. Based on LIEMPTY and LIENVOY leads, SCANTLING conducted an investigation to determine the possibility of using the manager of a construction company which was engaged in repair work at the LIMERICK installation to provide access to that installation. SCANTLING located this individual and managed to elicit much information from him. Although SCANTLING was prepared to continue the contact with this manager with a view toward his recruitment, Headquarters and Station, using SCANTLING's information as a guide, determined that the access provided in this instance was not suitable for mounting an operation. In another case, SCANTLING provided special servicing of a P. O. box drop intended for backup communications with AEIMPULSE. This was discontinued 1 June when other arrangements were established for this operation.
- d. During the reporting period operational employment of LIENTRAP continued at a high level of activity. LIENTRAP provided 71 rolls of operational film from coverage of selected targets. Most of this take related to the Station's efforts against the PCM and Communist exiles residing in Mexico.
- e. Since June the Station has been host to a TDY task force for the division concerned with LIMERICK activity. This group has for its primary purpose the collation of all available information from Station files on LIMERICK personalities. It is believed worthy of mention that probably the bulk of the information made available to the task force is of LIEMPTY origin.
- f. In reference to paragraph 2 of reference b concerning information of LAURICLE interest provided by LICALLA, Station was referring to the LICALLA photographs and sketches of IDENTITY A installations at LIMERICK. As with the LIMESA agents, LICALLA has been given the requirement to provide periodic reporting to the Station of this type material.

3. SECURITY.

As was noted in reference, new recontact plans have been formulated for use with all basehouse keepers. These are being established with the agents in question and will be on file in the individual agent files at the Station.

There were no adverse security incidents effecting the project during the reporting period.

4. EQUIPMENT.

On 26 July the LILYRIC camera jammed due to a faulty take-up sprocket wheel. GERENDE had this equipment repaired and it was back in operation on 29 July 1964.

5. PERSONNEL.

Following plans previously set forth in reference A, LIEMPTY-8 (201-121189) and LIEMPTY-12 (201-076383) were terminated as of 1 July 1964. Agent Service Record for LIEMPTY-8 was forwarded by HMMA-23890 and for LIEMPTY-12 by HMMA-23891. No decrease in the efficiency or security of the operation should result from these terminations.

LIEMPTY-19 will revert to an hourly pay rate of \$US2.25 as of 1 September 1964 in place of the \$US120.00 she had previously received. This, in addition to the terminations noted above, should provide economies for the LIEMPTY Project in keeping with Station's efforts to cut back costs of support projects.

Oliver G. SCANTLING (ps) has informed the Station that he has been chosen for (IDENTITY B) position by the Mexican Olympic Committee. He will take part in the Olympics in Tokyo during October 1964. Other Station assets will assume the operational assignments of SCANTLING during his absence from Mexico.

6. TRAINING.

No agent training other than regular review of tradecraft principles is planned. Photographic product is reviewed daily as a standard procedure, and action agents are instructed as necessary to improve or correct their technique in both taking and processing the product.

7. PLANS.

It is planned to have Raymond H. GERENDE (ps) replace Oliver G. SCANTLING (ps) as cutout to LIMITED basehouse. This will enable GERENDE to undertake more responsibility and give the Station opportunity to employ SCANTLING more fully in pretext investigations, a field for which he is particularly suited.

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